GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployed persons in the rural areas are not getting employment under various employment generation schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to create employment opportunities for these persons;

(d) the number of persons in the rural areas provided employment during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(e) the amount allocated for the purpose during the said period, State-wise; and

(f) the manner in which the said amount was spent by the District Rural Development Agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 323 to be replied on 12.12.2000

(a) to (f) : The Ministry of Rural Development are implementingemployment generating Schemes like the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and theSwarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in the States and Union Territories with the objective of providing opportunities of gainful employment in the rural areas and, thereby, benefit unemployed or partially employed persons, living Below the Poverty Line in these areas.

2. The amounts allocated to States/UTs under the Employment generatingschemes of the Ministry of Rural Development during the last three years and the current year (upto September, 2000), State-wise, is shown in the Statement enclosed at Annexure - I. The quantum of employment provided in the rural areas under these Schemes, over the same period, State-wise,is shown in the Statement enclosed at Annexure - II.

3. In addition to the Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development, there are a number ofSchemes implemented by the Government through other Ministries for employment generation in the rural areas, such as the Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Khadi and Village Industries etc. As a result of implementation of variousSchemes by the Government, the number of unemployed persons in rural areas is reported to have decreased from 7.17 million in 1987-88 to 4.71 million in 1993-94.

4. The detailed Guidelines have been issued by the Government to all implementing agenciesexplaining, inter alia, the manner in which the funds are to be utilised. These Guidelinesstipulate that Utilisation Certificates in the prescribed formats and Audit Reports are required to be submitted before release of second instalment. The funds allocated for these Schemes are utilised in accordance with the Guidelines of the same.